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In Re Application of: MICHAEL D. QUINN ET AL

: Group Art Unit: 3311

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: Examiner: **NASSER**

For: THERMODILUTION CATHETER HAVING A SAFE, FLEXIBLE HEATING ELEMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The Applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending applications or issued patents which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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Respectfully submitted,

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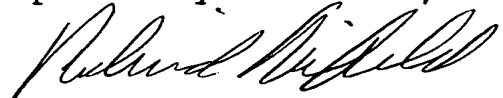
An Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patents 4,526,175, 4,696,304 and 5,135,535 is being submitted herewith. The references being cited were discovered during a computer database search conducted in response a telephone interview with Examiner Nasser on August 27, 1996. During that telephone interview Examiner Nasser indicated that the subject matter defined by the claims in the Gallup et al. patent was not directed to the same patentable invention as the subject matter defined by the claims in the present application because the subject matter defined by the claims in the Gallup et al. patent is limited to including a distal thermal pressure port.

The United States patents submitted in the attached Information Disclosure Statement showed distal ports on catheters. Attention is specifically directed to column 2 lines 61-69 of United States Patents 4,526,175 to Chin et al. which discloses a port at the distal tip of a catheter which allows monitoring of the pressure at the distal end of the catheter.

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United States Patent 4,696,304 column 3 lines 63-65 discloses that port 48 receives input 20 of a conventional pressure measuring apparatus. As can be seen in Figure 5 thereof the port 48 runs the entire length of the catheter from the proximal end of the catheter to the distal end of the catheter with a port at the distal end of the catheter.

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